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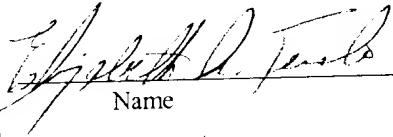
IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of: Amir M. Saffarian  
Serial No.: 08/828,022  
Filing Date: March 27, 1997  
Group Art Unit: 2876  
Examiner: D. Rodriguez  
Title: AUTOMATED SYSTEM AND METHOD FOR CHECK  
AMOUNT ENCODING AT A POINT-OF-SALE

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In response to the Official Action mailed December 28, 1999, Applicant respectfully  
requests the Examiner to reconsider the rejection of the claims in view of the following  
Amendments thereto, and the comments as set forth below. Please amend the application as  
follows.